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Minneapolis man pleads guilty to possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine

A 49-year-old Minneapolis man pled guilty earlier today in federal court to possessing with intent to distribute 48 grams of methamphetamine. Appearing before United States District Court Chief Judge Michael J. Davis in Minneapolis, Albert Arnold Garcia pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Garcia was indicted on October 20, 2009.

In his plea agreement, Garcia admitted possessing the methamphetamine on February 25, 2009. He was assisted in this criminal activity by Misty Iverson, 32, of Sartell. Iverson pleaded guilty on August 21, 2009, to one count of aiding and abetting the distribution of methamphetamine.

Garcia faces a potential maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison for his crime, with a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in prison. Judge Davis will determine his sentence at a future date.

This case is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Lake Superior Drug and Gang Task Force. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian S. Wilton.